

a2 5. (Amended) A drum brake system comprising first and second actuating levers arranged for radial movement to actuate respective brake shoes, a link extending between respective ends of said levers, and a parking brake lever pivotally attached to one of said actuating levers at a pivotal connection and also engaging one end of said link such that pivotal movement of said parking brake lever applies a force to said one of said actuating levers through said pivot connection and to the other of said actuating levers through said link.

7. (Amended) A dual leading-shoe drum brake system comprising:

a backing plate;

an upper anchor secured to an upper part of said backing plate;

a lower anchor secured to a lower part of said backing plate;

a3 first and second substantially identical actuating levers arranged symmetrically with respect to a line between said upper and lower anchors for radial movement and engaging said lower anchor;

first and second substantially identical brake shoes, each of said brake shoes being located adjacent a respective one of said actuating levers and adapted to be activated by said lever; wherein said brake shoes selectively engage said upper and lower anchors to transfer braking forces during braking; and

an actuating cylinder engaging upper ends of said actuating levers to urge said levers apart and initiate said braking.

Please add the following new claims:

a4 10. (New) A system according to claim 1 wherein said first anchor comprises at least one block secured to said backing plate by an attaching element that is placed primarily in shear by application of braking forces to said anchor.